



## Middletown Police Department

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Press Release

Tip leads to capture of attempted robbery suspect.



Arrested: Brian Clark age 31  
329 DeKoven Dr Apt E-1  
Middletown, CT 06457

Charges:  
Criminal Attempt/Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Carrying/Sale Dangerous Weapon  
Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bond \$100,000  
Court date: 5/2/11

On Saturday, 4/16/11 the Middletown Police Department received a tip that the above arrested was planning to Rob Javapalozza Café on Main St. The Patrol Division Supervisor for the evening placed officers in the café in an undercover capacity. At closing time ( 10:30pm) the undercover officers walked the employees of the café out to their vehicles. Officers located Clark hiding in the dimly lit parking lot wearing all black clothes. Clark had in his possession a knife, rope and a black bandanna with eye holes cut out. The knife was located against Clark's forearm held in place by a wrist watch.

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excellence, professionalism and integrity"*

During an interview with Clark, he stated that he had planned on robbing the employees of the café and was going to tie them up if they did not give him the money. He also punctured two of the tires of the vehicle he believed to have belonged to the café manager (but in fact belonged to another employee) to slow their escape if they tried to running away.

Due to the proactive actions of the Patrol Division and a concerned citizen no one was injured during this incident.

Nothing further.

Lieutenant Heather Desmond  
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